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Mentoring mentors: A day at the museum

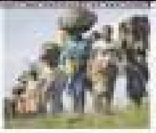


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West warns of Rwanda repeat in Congo



Reader gets wish: PDI 'Page One-Book Two'

By Elisa Victoria
Inquirer Research

FOR MANY YEARS, THE HOUSE OF EDILberto Francisco in Hagonoy, Bulacan, served as a "library" for elementary and high school students in the neighborhood because of its vast collection of books, magazines and newspapers, including his

READER/A21

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS
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IMF needs billions more to save distressed nations

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA—BRITISH Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Sunday said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) needed hundreds of billions of dollars in extra funding to prop up countries at risk of collapsing amid the world financial crisis.

During the weekend, leaders from Mumbai to Moscow and Berlin moved to

IMF NEEDS/A21

Inquirer takes commanding lead in Metro, RP readership

By Kate Pedroso
Inquirer Research

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INquirer has surged ahead in Metro Manila and all urban centers in the latest readership surveys, solidifying its position as the most preferred newspaper in the Philippines.

Conducted by two independent polling firms, the surveys have found that the Inquirer is also No. 1 among economic classes ABC.

The Nielsen Media Index study in the third quarter shows that the Inquirer accounts for 49 percent of respondents who said they had read a broadsheet the day before. Philippine Star ranked second, followed by Manila Bulletin.

Nielsen Media Research is one of the leading providers of advertising information services worldwide.

The Media Atlas of Synovate also shows that the Inquirer is the daily newspaper of choice for about half (44 percent) of those who read English dailies every day in urban areas nationwide.

Synovate is the market research arm of Aegis Group, a London-based marketing service firm.

The Nielsen results translate to about 864,000 (49 percent) daily readers for the Inquirer, 738,000 (38 percent) for Philippine Star and 661,000 (34 percent) for Manila Bulletin. Because some respondents read two or more broadsheets, the total exceeds 100 percent.

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AC Nielsen Readership survey, 3rd quarter 2008

Percentage of broadsheet readers yesterday, by area



Coverage : Rolling sample, 6,000 respondents aged 10+ in 21 cities (February to August 2008).

Obama, 52%; McCain, 42%



DEMOCRAT Barack Obama (right) pledges to heal America's political divisions if he wins the Nov. 4 election, while Republican John McCain (left) vows to score a historic upset. AP

Election endgame grips black America

WASHINGTON—HIStory's longest and most costly US election campaign—with a price tag estimated at $2 billion—headed into its final hours Sunday, with Democrat Barack Obama basking in an apparently hefty poll lead and Republican John McCain looking to pull a shock upset.

In a final frenzied weekend, Obama and McCain hurled themselves into a horsedown last 48 hours of campaigning ahead of Tuesday's election that could enshrine the first US black president and transform US foreign policy.

The endgame has gripped black America with a powerful mixture of emotions.

Obama's potential victory represents a previously unimaginable triumph over centuries of racism. In a country still riven by racial divides, his election would bring Martin Luther King's dream of equality a step closer.

But beneath the hope and pride lies fear—of polling inaccuracy, voting chicanery, or the type of injustice and violence that have historically stymied African-American progress.

LATEST/A21



Sarah Palin victim of prank call

TORONTO—SARAH PALIN told a Canadian comedian posing as French President Nicolas Sarkozy during a prank call on Saturday that she would be the US president "maybe in eight years."

The US vice presidential nominee unwittingly discusses politics, the perils of hunting with Vice President Dick Cheney and Sarkozy's "beautiful wife" in the telephone call with comedian Marc-Antoine Audette.

In the recording, John McCain's running mate enthusiastically takes the call from the comedian impersonating Sarkozy. "It's so good to hear you, thank you for calling us ... we have such great respect for you, John McCain and I, we love you!" Palin says.

SARAH PALIN/A21

Indications point to win by Democratic candidate

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

WITH THE US PRESIDENTIAL election just a breath away, Democrat Barack Obama is building an average lead of 6 percentage points over Republican John McCain, according to Bloomberg. The Obama camp is talking about a landslide win, and McCain is battling to overcome his rival's momentum in the polls, defiantly playing the underdog role.

McCain has blamed the media's skeptical assessment of his chances in Tuesday's election. "The pundits have written us off, just as they've done several times before," he said. "We're points down, but we're coming back."

McCain is fighting back in the face of the Bloomberg report that 10 polls released the past week showed Obama with leads ranging from 3 points in a Fox News Poll to 11 points in a New York Times/CBS News survey.

These poll results underline the polarization of the conservative segment (represented by Fox News) and the liberal stream (represented by the New York Times).

Bloomberg reports Obama holds an advantage in contested states, including Ohio, Virginia, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada, all of which were won by Republican George W. Bush in 2004. McCain is in close races with Obama in Florida, North Carolina, Indiana and

INDICATIONS/A20

4 kids pray for OFW ma on death row

By Nina Catherine Calleja

LILIW, LAGUNA—THE BUNGALow is almost bare. The walls bear none of the usual family photos. There are no appliances that typically mark a home of an overseas Filipino worker (OFW).

The electricity bills are unpaid and the house has had no power supply for two years. Clothes are strewn about.

It's all because the head of

KIDS/A21

No closure for missing activist after 32 years

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

ANGELES CITY—MOST PEOPLE trooped to cemeteries on Saturday and Sunday to pay respects to their dead, but Tayag siblings Nicolas, Rosita, Angeli and Fatima did not follow the practice.

That's because 32 years after their brother, Carlos, went missing, they have yet to see his remains or hear a word from him.

Carlos, a Benedictine deacon at 34, was the chair of the Student Christian Movement at the time he was abducted by suspected military agents on Aug. 26, 1976.

The country then was under martial rule imposed by Ferdinand Marcos.

That day, Nicolas was scheduled to meet his elder brother Carlos at the Sacred Heart Missionary convent in Quezon City.

But Carlos did not show up, which was disturbing because usually, he never missed a date there with his parents—Fidel and Ireneo Tayag.

Three decades and counting, Carlos' surviving siblings have not mourned his disappearance. They keep deferring it year after year because until now, they

NO CLOSURE/A21



REMEMBERING "desaparecidos" on All Souls' Day. Relatives light candles and offer flowers for their missing loved ones at the Redemptorist Church in Baclaran, Parañaque.

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Senate, Ombudsman headed for clash

Angara says Bolante issue must be resolved by Supreme Court

By Christian O. Avendaño, Nancy Carvajal and Allison W. Lopez

SEN. EDGARDO ANGARA YESTERDAY WARNED THE Senate blue ribbon committee was headed toward a collision with the Office of the Ombudsman if it went ahead with its investigation of former Agriculture Secretary Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante.

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'In these troubled times, put your money in tourism'

By DJ Yap

Opportunity in crisis

Here to stay





'Toothless' gov't human rights agency seeks greater powers

By Nikko Dizon

Driver error caused fatal NLEX crash, probe shows

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The Daily Gospel

COA reports are there to help you, solons told

By Leila B. Salaverria





More than shelter, we need justice, cry OFWs

By Jerome Aning

Off to safety

A serious problem

Melamine tests over, says BFAD

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE BUREAU OF FOOD AND Drugs (BFAD) will not test other food products for melamine after it cleared the 200 or so China-made dairy and canned meat products it has already tested.

BFAD Director Leticia Gutierrez said there was no compelling reason at the moment to test other food products.

"Right now there are no more products to be tested (for melamine). But our market monitoring will continue," she said in an interview.

"If our inspectors find milk products from China that have not been tested, we will test them. But it will be part of our routine market inspection," she said.

The BFAD cleared 138 dairy and 18 canned meat products from China.

The Hong Kong Center for Food Safety recently found high melamine levels in eggs produced in China.

Gutierrez said that being raw food, eggs were not within the BFAD's purview since the bureau only deals with processed food.

Any testing of eggs would have to be done by the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry, she said.

"But we're willing to collaborate with them to conduct the tests for the public's peace of mind," Gutierrez said.

The BFAD found high melamine levels in three products of the popular biscuit brand Lotte. These were Lotte Koala Biscuit, Lotte Chocolate Snack Koala Biscuit and Lotte Strawberry Snack Koala Biscuit.

The agency also found high melamine content in three China-made milk products—Jolly Cow Slender High Calcium Low Fat Milk (1 liter), Greenfood YiLi Fresh Milk and Mengniu Drink.

Last week, it cleared all locally available variants of the popular Sunflower biscuit brand. The BFAD conducted a test after the Hong Kong Center for Food Safety found high melamine content in its blueberry cream sandwich variant.

Gutierrez said the BFAD will coordinate with their Hong Kong counterpart to explain the different findings.

Pedal power pushed

A PARTY-LIST REPresentative wants the government to promote the use of bicycles for transportation in place of gas-guzzling motor vehicles to reduce fuel importation.

In his proposed law, Alliance for Rural Concerns Rep. Narciso Santiago said the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) should be mandated to launch the "Conserve by Bicycling Program" in 10 pilot areas around the country.

Under House Bill No. 4887, the DOTC would be in charge of promoting the use of bicycles through education and marketing campaigns with the pitch that pedal power would help conserve energy resources, Santiago said in a statement.

The DOTC would be tasked with monitoring the results of the project. It would also forge partnerships with representatives from the fields of transportation, law enforcement, education, public health, environment and energy, according to the statement. *Leila B. Salaverria*

DOJ upholds raps vs mayor, son in Ces Drilon kidnap

JUSTICE SECRETARY RAUL Gonzalez has denied the petition for review filed by Indanan, Sulu, Mayor Alvarez Isnaji and his son Haider following the filing of kidnap for ransom charges against them.

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Norman Bordadora

GMA leaves Nograles to meet with his foe









Young Christians, Muslims find peace in sports

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE INSTRUCTION WAS TO SAY THE NAME of your teammate before dishing out a pass to him.

That way, Bahdi Pasangpadan, 11, of Datu Piang could establish eye contact and open a line of communication with Melfred Damapig, 11, of Pagangan, Aleosan, while playing basketball.

Later, the coach helped them break down plays while a guidance counselor processed the day's activities and reinforced them to their respective lives as a Muslim and a Christian youth.

Trust your brother to take possession of the ball and maybe, just maybe, it would spark a flicker of teamwork in one part of Mindanao.

That was clearly the aim of a five-day sports camp for some 200 Muslim and Christian children displaced by the conflict between government forces and rogue MILF elements in central Mindanao.

The kids converged on Notre Dame Midsayap College to learn the basics of basketball, softball and volleyball. At the same time, guidance counselors helped them deal with the traumas of life in a war zone.

Challenging

"It was very challenging and touching for us because these children were victims of war," said principal Melanie Lapiaid.

"Because of sports, they became closer to one another," said Fr. Peter Lamata.

Lamata and Lapiaid helped the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) conduct the Mindanao Sports for Peace project that ran from Oct. 16 to 20.



PEACE THROUGH hoops is what the PSC hopes to instill with its program of getting Christian and Muslim youngsters to play together.

Uniforms, shoes and sports equipment were provided each of the participants who were screened from 12,000 children in evacuation centers in Pikit, Datu Piang, Aleosan and Kabacan towns.

"These were not ordinary kids," said Philippine Center for Sports Medicine psychologist Rosen Trinidad. "These were kids who were exposed to violence, they needed intervention to help them cope with what they were experiencing."

Friends from other tribes

In the counseling, the kids were not asked to talk about their experiences of losing their families and homes to the war. The counselors gave them time to fully comprehend their plight, said Trinidad.

The ravages of war are hard enough for adults to digest, what more for these adolescent minds, she said.

"We're very happy, sir, we learned a sport and the trauma we experienced seemed to go away. We also made friends from other tribes," said Damapig in Filipino.

Balls not bullets

About 60 percent of the participants were Muslim, according to PSC coach Ramirez, who handled the basketball clinic.

"I thought all Christians were the enemies of Muslims, because I'm Muslim. It's not so. Some people are just mistaken," said Pasangpadan, also in Filipino.

The clinics were held in the first three days, while tournaments were held at the end. Ramirez said the teams in all the three sports were formed in such a way that Muslims and Christians played together.

He brought a 15-man team from the PSC's Manila office to conduct the project which had for its theme "Bola hindi Bala" (Balls not Bullets).

Land disputes, poverty

"When you think about it, it's not religion that caused the war. It's land disputes and poverty. In our own small way, we want to help make it a better place for these children," said Ramirez, who hails from Davao.

Some of kids, he said, wrapped their shoes in plastic after each clinic. For many of them, it was their first pair of shoes, he said.

The hard part, Trinidad said, came when it was time to part ways.

"We know where they were going after the clinic was over, which was back to the evacuation centers," said Trinidad.

"That's why when the trucks came to pick them up, some of them were clutching at our sleeves because they wanted to stay," she said.

China nabs 2 Pinoy 'drug mules'

HYUNDAI IN

All systems go for H

In recognition of the motoring public's confidence in Hyundai's brand power and automobiles that has earned for Hyundai the 4th spot in overall industry rankings in September 2008 based on CAMPI's September '08 year-to-date sales reports, Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI), the official distributor of Hyundai in the Philippines, goes full force in launching a thanksgiving blowout through its latest event, the INVASION 2.0.

The *INVASION* returns

"We, at HARI, would like to once again express our sincere thanks to the market for their strong support of Hyundai that inspires us to keep our position at number 4 in overall industry rankings," humbly expressed Ms. Fe Perez-Agudo, HARI's EVP and Chief Operating Officer. "In return for our customers' loyalty and full support, and the public's approval of Hyundai's world-class quality and commitment to innovation, we are launching the INVASION 2.0."

Following the success of the "INVASION: the i-Series Unleashed," HARI takes the INVASION 2.0 up a notch by offering the best deals for its bestselling and fuel-efficient CRDi-powered models: Accent, Getz, Grand Starex, Tucson, and Santa Fe. Happening in 30 malls nationwide, INVASION 2.0 presents an ensemble of the best Hyundai cars and exclusive privileges for motorists and Hyundai car buyers. Aside from the mall display, visitors of the exhibit also have an option to experience selected Hyundai models firsthand through a test drive. Customers who validly sign up for inquiries will also be qualified to join the 10K Grand Raffle, where they can get a chance to win a Hyundai e-fuel card for gasoline worth P10,000. Hyundai Service Specials are not to be missed as well. A free 23-Point Service Check-up and free 10% discount coupon for oil filter, brake pads, and/or brake shoes await Hyundai car owners.

"The INVASION 2.0 is an event that's first-of-its-kind from Hyundai, offering all the best deals, the best service, and the best Hyundai cars in the market," explained Ms. Agudo. "We're bringing our dealership excellence straight to you, at your nearest malls, where you can take advantage of the distinct Hyundai brand experience—from our stylish, powerful, and fuel-efficient cars, to the Elite service that defines our standing as Hyundai's DEP (Dealer Enhancement Program) Capital of the World. This is an open invitation to Hyundai car owners and the general motoring public alike to be part of our biggest and most ambitious event to cap our victory for 2008."

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SM City Fairview	[illegible]		
SM City Bacolod	[illegible]	October 24-30	October 24-30
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Market Market	[illegible]	Oct. 31-Nov. 6	Oct. 31-Nov. 6
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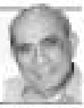
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Report on Richbelt Tower robbery

Malacañang's stupid spin on media

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P7-M ransom for aid worker demanded

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE ARMED MEN HOLDing humanitarian aid worker Merlie "Mila" Mendoza are demanding a P7-million ransom.

Jail raiders back inside NPA zone

Reporter hits harassment by Army colonel

Less trash in cemeteries leaves scavengers complaining



Boracay reaching capacity threshold–DENR



EARLY evening on Boracay beach.

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New BIR chief

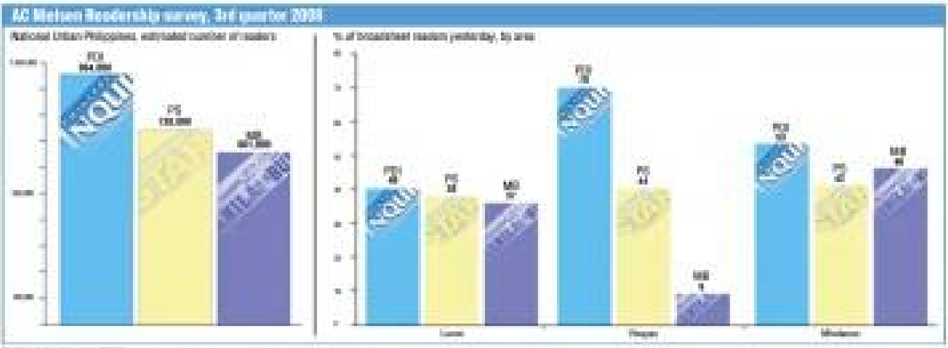
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DENR offered a plan to build trams to protect Cordillera forests

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School principal, reporter top literary contest

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Huge lead in Metro Manila

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No closure for missing activist after 32 years



A PORTRAIT of Tayag

Reader gets wish: PDI 'Page One-Book Two'



New US president known in RP on Wednesday

Early results

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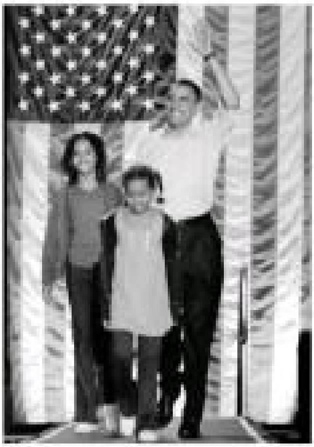
Murdoch's warning

True colors

Policy contrasts

McCain pokes fun at own campaign





BATTLEGROUND STATES Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin acknowledges a supporter during a rally in North Carolina Saturday, as Democratic presidential front-runner Barack Obama, with daughters Malia and Sasha, exudes confidence in a campaign sortie at a high school in Missouri.

Sarah Palin victim of prank call

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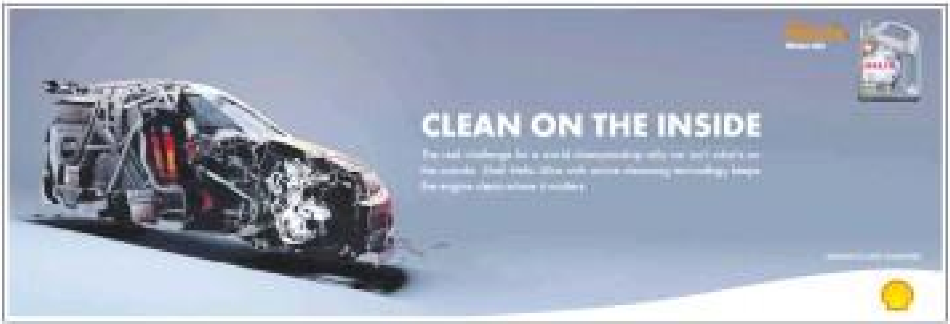
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SPORTS

Aces trump Kings; Asi lifts Tigers





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DID YOU KNOW

THE BINONDO Church in Manila is where Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint, served as an altar boy. The church, which was established by Dominican friars in the 16th century for Chinese Catholics, has been renamed Basilica Minore de San Lorenzo Ruiz.

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

Metro police chief warns Manila cops

One robbery and you're out, NCRPO director says in memo to police chiefs

By Jeannette I. Andrade

MANILA POLICE STATION COMMANDERS WILL be immediately relieved and slapped with administrative sanctions should they fail to stop heists being pulled off by a group of robbers disguised either as soldiers or policemen.

"Any similar incident occurring in the future will be considered inefficiency on the part of the commander concerned for which an administrative sanction may be imposed as a consequence," Director Jefferson Soriano, head of the National Capital Region Police Office, said in a memorandum to the Manila Police District.

Soriano said that a repeat of an incident similar to Friday's robbery at the St. Scholastica's College in Malate would lead to the immediate relief of the area's station commander.

In other parts of Metro Manila, the two-strike policy would apply, he added, meaning that if two robberies occur in an area, the station commander concerned would be sacked.

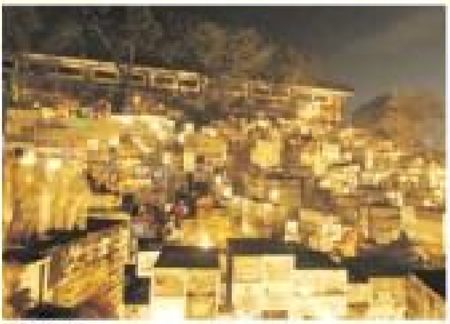
Soriano told the Inquirer that he would hold a command conference with police chiefs today to map out strategies against robbery groups.

He further ordered the MPD to "immediately identify, locate and neutralize this [robbery] group in order to prevent any recurrence in your respective Area of Responsibility."

Soriano expressed alarm over the increase of theft incidents pulled off by men disguised as policemen which he said could damage the image of the Philippine National Police.

The NCRPO chief directed MPD station commanders to tighten security in their respective areas against the thieves who prey on offices, schools and commercial establishments.

At around 1:25 a.m. Friday, 11 men clad in Special Weapons and Tactics uniform and carrying high-powered guns barged into St. Scholastica's College and disarmed the school guards of their guns and communications equipment.



SILENT NIGHT

Only candles illuminate the Barangka public cemetery in Marikina City as night falls on All Souls' Day.

TV sports show host loses cash, equipment to thief



DIRTY MARKET IN MALABON CITY

MMDA opens new Pasay footbridge



Keep Malabon City streets safe

What have they done to QC road

'Search and entrap' traffic aides

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Manila City gov't offers free cremation services



TURNING DISCARDS INTO TOYS

Police arrest money changer



METRO BRIEFS

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PROVINCIAL BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Invitation for Bids

Republic of the Philippines

Provincial Local Government of Misamis Occidental (PLGU-Misamis Occidental)

HEALTH SECTOR POLICY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

PROCUREMENT OF Laboratory Equipment Package, Medical Devices, Supplies and Instruments and Medical Furniture

Lot 26: Laboratory Equipment Package

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Lot 28: Medical Furniture

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PROPOSED RULES FOR THE AUTOMATIC RECOVERY OF POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM) GENERATION ASSETS' MONTHLY FUEL PURCHASED POWER AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE- RELATED COSTS

ERC CASE NO. 2008-019 RM

POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM),

Applicant.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2008, the Commission posted in its official website at www.erc.gov.ph the Proposed Rules for the Automatic Recovery of Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) Generation Assets' Monthly Fuel Purchased Power and Foreign Exchange-Related Costs.

Relative thereto, a public consultation on the said proposed Rules is hereby set on November 13, 2008 (Thursday) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.) at the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Hearing Room, 15th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City.

All interested parties may submit their comments (in both hard and soft copies) on the proposed Rules on or before November 6, 2008. Electronic copies may be sent to www.tariff@erc.gov.ph. Parties who have filed their written comments on or before the prescribed period would be given priority during the above-scheduled public consultation. The proposed Rules may be photocopied at cost, during the regular office hours at the ERC Main Office at the above-mentioned address.

Pasig City, October 31, 2008.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION:

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Bids and Awards Committee

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The WORLD

West warns of Rwanda repeat in Congo

GOMA, DR CONGO—Thousands of civilians displaced by conflict languished on the roads of east Congo on Sunday as Western powers pressured Congolese and Rwandan leaders to prevent "another Rwanda" tragedy.



WorldBriefs

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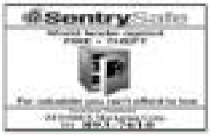
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NONITO Donaire (right) of the Philippines, switching to a southpaw stance, tags South African challenger Moruti Mthalane with a crisp jab during their world flyweight championship fight.

Donaire stops foe, keeps 'fly' crowns

By Salvador L. Lagumbay
Contributor

LAS VEGAS—IBF FLYWEIGHT KING NONITO DONaire Jr. bucked a second-round finger injury to stop Moruti Mthalane in the sixth round and retain his IBF flyweight title in front of 5,414 in attendance Saturday at the Mandalay Events Center here.

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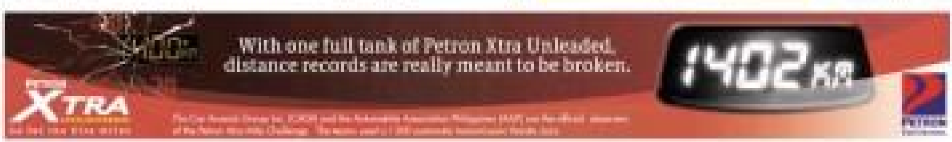
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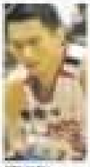
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Bangko Sentral seen to ease monetary policy

BSP assumes 'counter-cyclical' stance to offset economic downturn

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS IS WIDELY EXPECTED to ease monetary policy either by reducing the reserve requirement or overnight borrowing rates, or changing the

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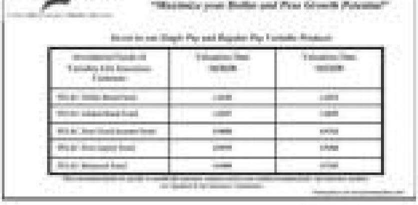
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DOF supports bigger senior citizen discount

By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE is throwing its support behind the plan to increase the discount on purchases enjoyed by senior citizens from 20 to 32 percent.

"We pose no objection to the proposed increase in the discount rate," said the DOF in a position paper on Senate Bill No. 2194, which seeks to raise the discount on purchases of senior citizens.

Under the Senior Citizens Law, or Republic Act No. 9257, senior citizens are given a 20-percent discount in restaurants, cinemas, hotels, hospitals and other establishments. The same discount applies to their public transport fares.

The DOF usually opposes bills seeking to grant additional tax incentives, stressing the need to shore up government's revenue collection.

But the DOF said the government could afford to grant a higher discount for senior citizens.

Establishments directly extend discounts to senior citizens, but they can deduct the discounts from their income tax liabilities.

The DOF said the current 20-percent discount enjoyed by senior citizens is "nominal," since their purchases are also subject to the 12-percent value added tax. Taking VAT into account, the "real" discount enjoyed by senior citizens on their purchases is barely 10.4 percent.

Prior to February 2006, the VAT rate stood at 10 percent. When VAT was still at 10 percent, the "real" discount enjoyed by senior citizens on their purchases was 12 percent.

If the intention is only to restore the "real" discount of senior citizens to 12 percent, then the "nominal" discount rate should only be increased to 21.43 percent and not 32 percent as proposed by Legarda.

But if the intention is to give a "real" 20-percent discount to senior citizens, then the "nominal" discount rate should be increased to 28.57 percent, the DOF said.

Increasing the nominal discount rate to only 21.43 percent would lead to an annual revenue loss of only P120 million. Raising the nominal discount rate to 28.57 percent would lead to foregone revenues of only P621.59 million a year.

There were actually proposals to exempt senior citizens from paying the value added tax.

But the DOF did not agree to it on grounds it would result in bigger revenue losses for the government compared to if the discount was increased.

According to DOF's estimates, the government would lose less than a billion pesos, or P981 million, in potential tax collection a year should the discount rate be increased from 20 to 32 percent.

According to Senator Loren Legarda, author of SB 2194, it is right to provide additional assistance to senior citizens as they are "significant members of society."

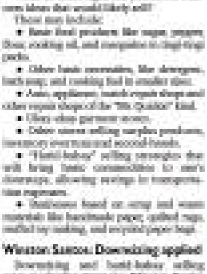
Besides seeking to increase the 20-percent discount on purchases of senior citizens, the bill also aims to impose sanctions on pharmacies that don't extend the discount.

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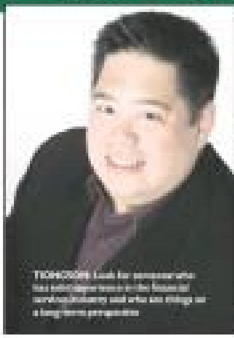


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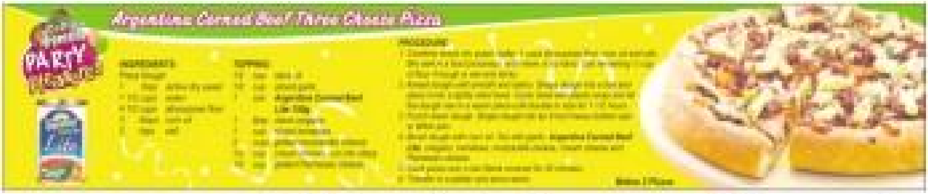
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Bessie's legacy of beauty

She was a passionate art collector who left the senator and her other children a priceless collection



SEN. LOREN Legarda with Vicente Manansala's watercolor "Woman with Cat"

THE LATE BESSIE BAUTISTA Legarda treated art collecting as a private hobby—an intellectual and emotional pleasure that served the additional





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Culaba at West



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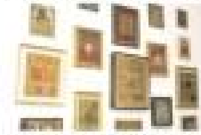
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Magnificent art snatched from the mists of time

By Constantino C. Tejero

> Public art is always in danger of being overtaken by the environment

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Visual favoritism

The artist who loves fishes

JULIUS LIMPE HAS ASSEMBLED A SPECIAL collection of paintings which will be on exhibit from Nov. 7-21 at the Purple Arts Gallery at the 6/F, Bldg. A, SM Megamall in Ortigas.

Through the years, he has taken on a variety of themes, including the Madonna and Child and assorted flora and fauna. But his favorite subject is fish, thus this exhibit's theme: "I Love Fishes." With adept swirling strokes and generous use of vibrant colors, he brings vitality and life to his fish—sometimes they even appear to be happily caught up in a graceful underwater dance.

Indeed, if the fish look happy, it's because the positive and active Limpe has always wanted his art to reflect his optimism and energy.

Limpe has always been obsessed with fish. He grew them as a childhood hobby, he said, and would be content "just to sit around the aquarium watching the little fishes go by." Also a childhood interest, he recalled that as early as six years old, he already loved to draw. "I just pick up objects in my mind and photos in my textbooks to draw with pencil and crayons on paper," he said.



LIMPE beside an oil painting of his great grandfather, Don Bonifacio Limtuaco, founder of Destileria Limtuaco in 1852. Portrait is a reproduction by Elmer Ramos from the original painting by an unknown Spanish artist.

If he had his druthers, he would have begun painting at a much younger age and pursued a career in the arts, but he was the scion of the family that owned Asia's oldest distillery, Destileria Limtuaco, so he had to attend to business first. To prepare himself to run the company, he acquired a degree in business administration from Indiana University, Indiana, U.S.A., but also had a minor in fine arts.

Even while he ran Limtuaco with great success, his love for painting never waned. As soon as he found that he could confidently turn over the reins to his children, he enthusiastically took up the brush and palette.

He would become a member of Manila's art elite Saturday Group that include such Masters as Hernando Ocampo, Cesar Legaspi, Onon Jose Joya, Armando Malang, Ang Kiukok and other kindred creative spirits who would also become close friends.

He held his first one-man show in 2000 as his debut in the Philippine arts circle. He has since been consistently exhibiting his paintings in a series of solo and group art shows locally as well as internationally.

At 81, Limpe has another thing in common with his favorite subject, the fish: He still swims daily to keep fit; in fact he makes laps with his grandchildren.





LIMPE is known in the art world for his depictions of koi and other fishes, considered as good luck in Chinese geomancy.



"Sama-Sama" by Reynold de la Cruz

'Junto' at Art Verite

JUNTO (SAMA-SAMA) FEATURES is a people's togetherness, especially people who have grown up together and lived in the same place all their lives. "Junto" is the title of Reynold de la Cruz's show, which opens on Nov. 6 at Art Verite III, Shops at Serendra, Bonifacio Global City.

In the show, the artist reminisces his childhood and the things he and his friends used to do together.

De la Cruz is a self-taught artist who was named Jurors' Choice at the 1998 Philip Morris Philippine Art Awards. He later represented the Philippines in the 1999 Asean Art Awards in Vietnam. He has exhibited in Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Vermont, USA. He was recently commissioned to paint a mural of Mandaluyong's history in the newly constructed Mandaluyong City Government building.

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"Star Thrower" 1 by Lisa Flores

'Star Thrower' at Serendra

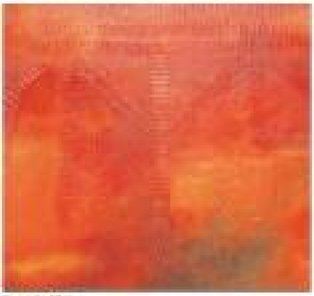
"THE STAR THROWER," the first one-woman show of artist Lisa Flores, is running at L'Or Gallery, Shops at Serendra, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.

Flores based her works on a popular environmental story. She created large and playful acrylic-on-archival-paper art pieces made even more whimsical by glow-in-the-dark starfish.

The unique paintings are going to be part of a trilogy of short eco-fables which will be published by the Center for Art, New Ventures, and Sustainable Development (Canvas) and launched as a single children's book in February 2009.

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Ebarle's ethnic-inspired graphic motifs at Heart Center gallery



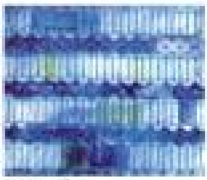
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JANE [illegible] has a penchant for ethnic designs. Her predilection for such images has made her research the old Filipino ethnic inspirations.

From the old graphic motifs culled from design sourcebooks, she proceeded to do her application of [illegible] colors and textures.

The effect is a [illegible] spectacle of boundless transcendental energies merging the exotic and contemporary.

Twelve years into marketing [illegible] and other global brands, Ebarle, who finished fine arts at University of Santo Tomas, is mounting "Filipino Ethnicity 1," her first one-woman exhibit of acrylic and mixed-media works, on Nov. 3 at The Art Gallery of the Philippine Heart Center, East Avenue, Quezon City. The exhibit runs until Nov. 15.



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LIFESTYLE Books



INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Sparks will fly

By Tek Dizo

Are there any happy-ever-afters in the fictional worlds of Nicholas Sparks?

MEET THE MAN WHO HAS MADE millions and spurred the sales of tissue all over the world with his romance novels—though ones that don't always give us that warm and fuzzy happy ending.

Then again, perhaps that is why they strike a chord with millions of readers. They are meditations on the infinite nature of love against such finite constraints. Love is a wonderful and maddening thing, and it does not always lead us where we want it to. Just ask anyone who has read or seen the film version of "A Walk to Remember."

In this exclusive, Nicholas Sparks talks about his latest novel turned film that stars Richard Gere and Diane Lane, "Nights in Rodanthe," yet another exploration of that crazy little thing that keeps us all up at night.

Congratulations for "Nights in Rodanthe," the fourth movie made from a novel of yours. Why do you think your books translate so well into film?

Well, aside from being a fairly popular, relatively well-known novelist, I think the stories themselves translate well. There are usually two major characters, the plot is linear, and there are strong dramatic elements which make for strong performances.

You've had some interesting jobs before becoming a writer. Could you tell us about your life before you became a popular novelist?

Well, like most Americans who graduate from college, I had zero idea what to do with my life but I explored a number of different things. I almost had two jobs. I waited on tables, sold real estate, sold dental products, started a business, even got into pharmaceuticals.

SPARKS D2


RICHARD Gere as Dr. Paul Flanner and Diane Lane as Adrienne Willis



Cory's life now a musical

By Walter Ang
Contributor

WHILE A MUSICAL AND A concert have already been made about a former Philippine First Lady (the East West Players theater company of California staged "Imelda: A New Musical" in 2005 while David Byrne and Norman "Fatboy Slim" Cook devised a "song cycle" titled "Here Lies Love," staged in Adelaide in 2006), no one has yet made a theatrical production that features our country's first female President. Until now.


MAY Alvarez plays Cory Aquino

"Cory: The Musical," a production based on the life of former President Corazon "Cory" Aquino, was conceived by Lourdes "Meg" Pimentel (wife of Sen. Aquilino Pimentel), a self-taught composer who has produced and composed musicals such as "Ibasan ni Hesus," "Mareng Pamarang sa Lingling Bawes" and "Pagibig sa Bayan."

To say Aquino's life has been trying is an understatement. She is known to have been a devoted wife who was supportive of the political career of her husband, Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., whom she married in 1954.

He started out as mayor of Tarlac, became the youngest senator in Philippine history in 1967, and emerged as a leading critic of the Marcos government.

He was arrested during martial law in the '70s, sentenced to death, and eventually allowed to leave for exile in Boston with his family.

Her husband's assassination in 1983 catapulted Aquino to global recognition. After a snap election in 1986, she served as the 11th President of the Philippines until 1992, the country's and Southeast Asia's first female President.

In 1986, Aquino was Time Magazine's Woman of the Year and nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Later she would be cited as one of the "100 Women Who Shaped World History" and become a recipient of the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding. She was also chosen by Time Magazine as one of the "20 Most Influential Asians of the 20th Century" as well as one of "65 Great Asian Heroes."

Cancer

Pimentel says when she learned the former president had contracted cancer earlier this year, she felt it time for people to

CORY'S D2

FILIPINO WWII VETERANS

Guerillas twice over

By Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

YOU SEE THEM ON POWELL STREET, San Francisco, USA: Filipino veterans of World War II, huddled against the cold, amid layers of clothing, talking, laughing and fighting WWII all over again, guerillas twice over because they fought for the US but are still denied their equity benefits.

"They are suffering, risking their lives in the United States," said Antonio O. "Tony-boy" Cojuangco, Tanghalang Pilipino chairman, resident drama company of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, at a recent press conference at Milky Way Restaurant in Makati.

"They are fighting their war in the US, sending allowances back home," Cojuangco said. "They chose to be guerillas both times. They are suffering from illnesses but they struggle to send their money—$600 a month—back home."

Real-life characters

The presscon was called to announce the forthcoming Tanghalang Pilipino play, "Mga Gerilya sa Powell Street," an adaptation for the stage by Rody Vera based on Benjamin Pimentel's novel of the same name. A copy of the novel (Anvil/Ateneo University Press) was distributed to the media during the presscon.

Pimentel, now US-based, based his characters on real-life veterans whom he met and observed in San Francisco.

"I really was touched by the novel," said

GUERILLAS D3


(FROM left) Ces Paz, Romulo Rivera, Leo Valeza and Joel Rivera as Filipino World War II veterans

Guerillas twice over



Tanghalang Pilipino's 'Mga Gerilya sa Powell Street' is about a whole generation of forgotten heroes

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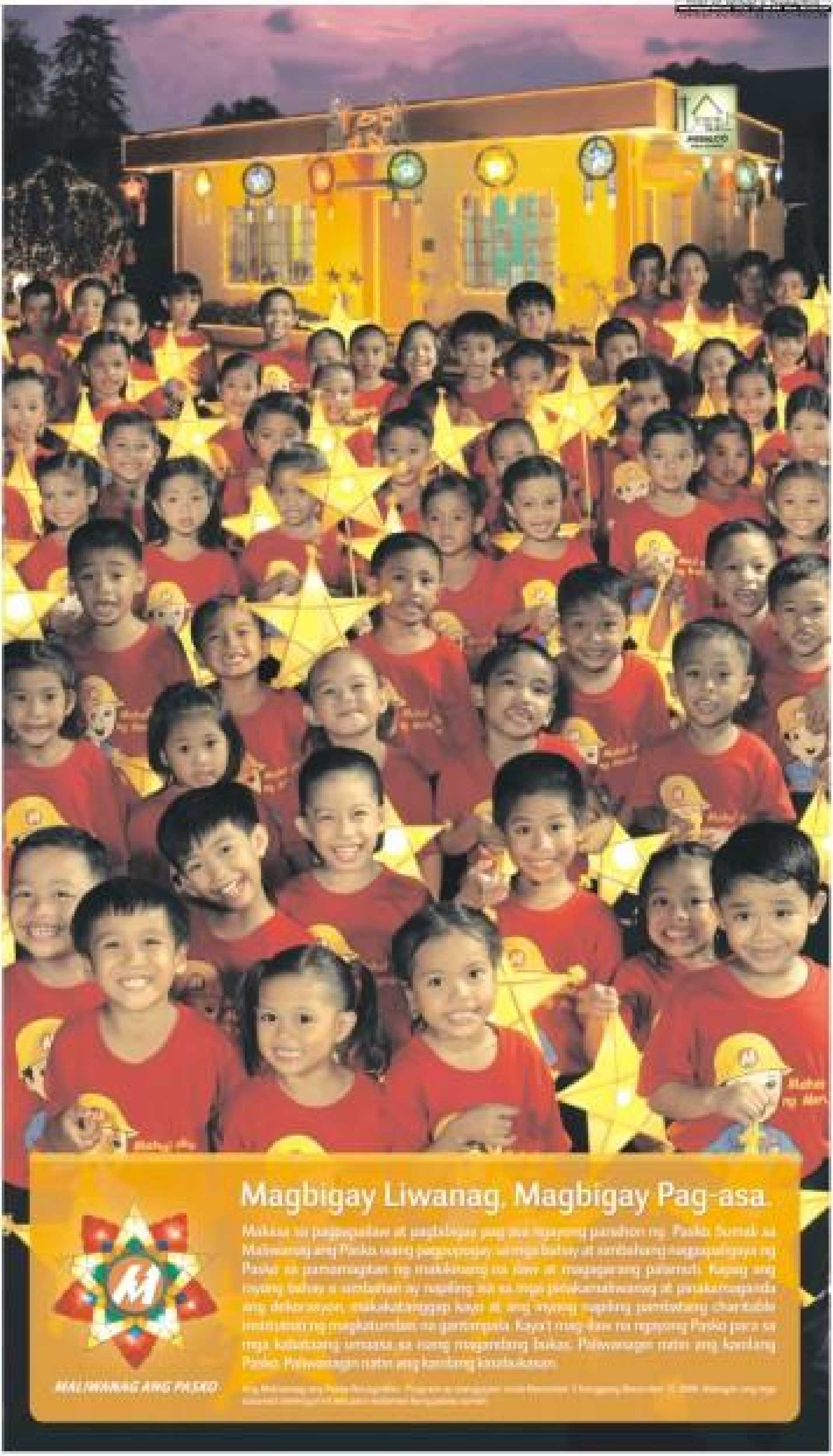
CHERIE Gil plays Maria Callas

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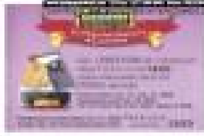
NOVELIST Nicholas Sparks



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It symbolizes the French Catholic presence in Canada.
It is the only surviving fortified city in the Americas north of Mexico





Canada's Québec, a heritage showcase

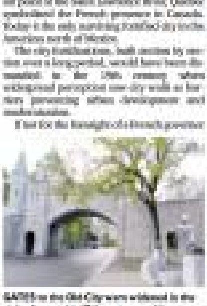
THE EARLY-MORNING scenery that greeted me after an endless flight from tropical Manila was unquestionably northern. So was the crackling five-degree-Celsius air. Autumn, I was told, was just beginning to set in.



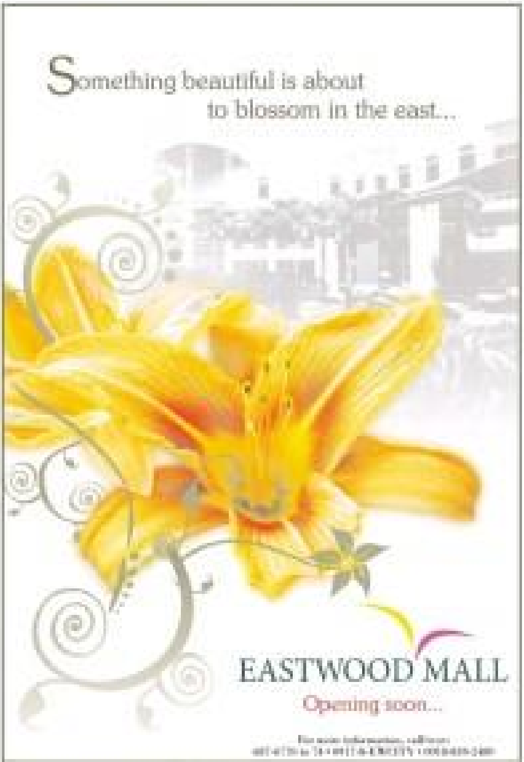
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Augusto F. Villalon









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Piano's 'Luminous Space II' in New York



Canada's Québec, a heritage showcase

Metrobank art and design winners announced

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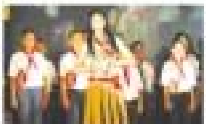


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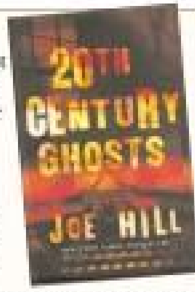
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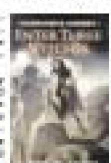
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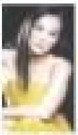
MICHAEL de Mesa is ready to slug it out elsewhere, in another field altogether: "Taking control of my future," he calls it.

'Divas' cap Music Museum celebration

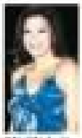
MUSIC MUSEUM CAPS ITS 20TH anniversary celebrations by presenting "Dream Divas"—a concert starring Kuh Ledesma, Zsa Zsa Padilla, Regine Velasquez and Pops Fernandez on Dec. 4 at the Araneta Coliseum.

The show, said to be a long-time dream for Ledesma, took four years to put together. And it took Ledesma's business partner, Precy Florentino, to pull it off.

"It has been both a privilege and a mission to feature the best and brightest in Filipino music and theater these past 20 years," Florentino said. "With 'Dream Divas,' we close our celebration with something different and meaningful."



KUH Ledesma



ZSA ZSA Padilla

Quitting show biz

By Bibsy Carballo

THE BIGGEST NEWS AT THE RECENT presscon for Atlantis Productions' upcoming staging of the Broadway musical "Hairspray" wasn't that Michael de Mesa would wear a fat suit and play a character in drag.

It was that, by January next year, one of the country's best actors is packing his bags and leaving local show biz for good. Or at least "for a very long time," he said.

De Mesa, who is set to play Edna Turnblad in "Hairspray"—the housewife character originated by the drag queen Divine in John Waters' 1988 movie, then performed by Harvey Fierstein on Broadway and reprised by John Travolta in the film version—wasn't coy about his reasons for calling it quits with the industry he's been part of since he was 13 (he's now 48).

"I'm very frustrated with how things are going on with the country and with the industry. It's something that you feel you can't do anything about. I just feel I'm not growing as much as a person and as an actor."

In particular, De Mesa is disappointed at the sparse opportunities available for actors of his age and skills in the current setup. With movies on the wane and television the main employer of actors these days, De Mesa finds his chances for artistic growth are very limited.

"Mahirap mong isugal ... the standard of excellence dito ... mediocrity," he explained. "You have to grab every opportunity for work ... television ... I cannot live that way.

"It's so different now ..."

> One of the country's finest actors, Michael de Mesa is 'frustrated'

... the way it is. Everything is too commercial now. From the motivation of new actors—...

Major decision

For De Mesa, this major life decision was something long in coming. His dissatisfaction with his mainstream film career had led him to venture into theater and indie films—projects that invariably earned him warm critical reception but not the economic rewards for long-term stability and comfort.

"I almost did this in 2006," said De Mesa. "I gave everything another chance, hoping ... I finally decided ... I think this is the perfect time, and everything is falling into place."

For a change, he's looking forward to a non-show biz life in the US. Come January 2009, he'll start work as a marketing executive for an ... company—a job he had tried, and enjoyed, some time back when he stayed for a month in America.

That brief stint stirred something in the actor. "I had a regular income, I was enjoying starting my day early and finishing early. I could make plans for the weekend. I had that sense of stability. Not like here ... you don't know when the next paycheck is coming.

Many dreams

"I have many dreams—to have my own house, to travel. I cannot do all these things if I rely on Philippine show biz. At this point in my life, I'm looking for something more regular, more stable. I just want to see what I'm capable of doing, as a normal person—not as an actor. I have a five-year plan, which I've never had before."

He's open to coming back every now and then for worthy projects. "Also in theater, but I'll be based na in America. Kumbaga, I

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STARMILLS

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3 THE STRANGERS
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'Amazing Race Asia' season finale

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'For One More Day'

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Quitting . . .

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Zac Efron gets his stellar showcase

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

'Why Why Love'

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DOG ACTOR AT PREMIERE

EASTWOOD CINEMAS

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Iza Calzado's one bizarre wish

By Marinel R. Cruz

ACTRESS IZA CALZADO HAS ONE BIZARRE wish—to become a gay icon.

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How do you plan to attack the role?

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> She used her top favorite gay film as peg for a role she will play in new Ch 7 series

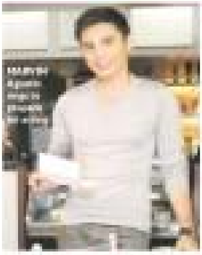
TAKE FIVE

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ENTERTAINMENT



LUCY Torres-Gomez likes wrapping gifts.



MARVIN Agustin [illegible]

Celebrity quirks

WE ALL HAVE OUR QUIRKS. THAT'S what makes us unique and shapes our "forsythe," so we say in show biz.

Like I have this queer habit of putting Kleenex all over my pillow when I sleep and I like the lights out when I'm in the bathroom. Only people in our inner circle are privy to such details.

Get a little closer to the stars as I let you in on their quirks. Quick!

GLORIA DIAZ: "I can't sleep or get dressed if my room is not in total order."

CESAR MONTANO: "There must be cereal included in my breakfast. I can't sleep unless I watch a movie, no matter how late it is."

DINGDONG DANTES: "I like to eat mangoes with mayonnaise. I wear shoes without socks. I dip hamburger in coffee and eat it. I like my [illegible]."

RICHARD GOMEZ: "I don't like my pants creased in the middle and with hanger marks so Lucy buys me special hangers with rubberized bottom so it doesn't slip off. When I get into a sport, I buy equipment and accessories for it on a weekly basis. Like now, I'm crazy about baseball so I keep buying bats, caps and gloves."

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ: "All the bills in my wallet have to be arranged by denomination. Right side facing forward. I don't like mismatched hangers. Shirts in my closet are color coordinated. When I'm tired from work or having a bad day I wrap gifts to make them look really special. By the time I'm done, I feel better already."

[illegible]: "I don't listen to music while I'm in the car. Instead, I tune in to AM radio for news and about politics, etc. There must be some light on when I go to sleep."

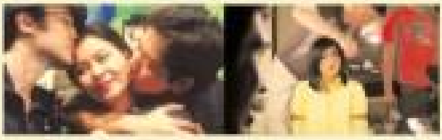
MARVIN AGUSTIN: "When I'm most

QUIRKY B2

Lorna gives HOPE to moms everywhere







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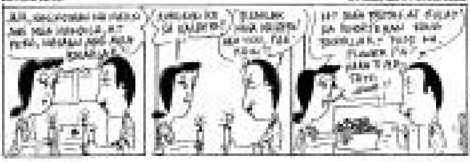
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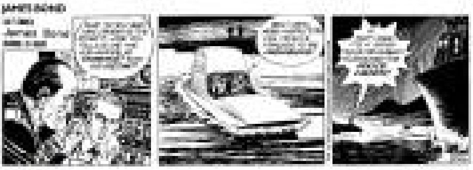


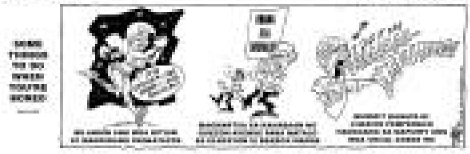


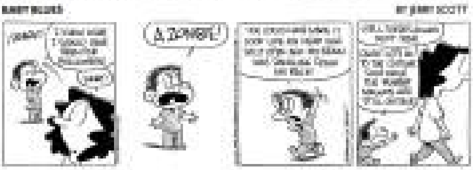


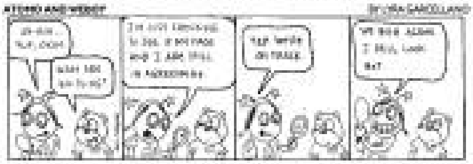




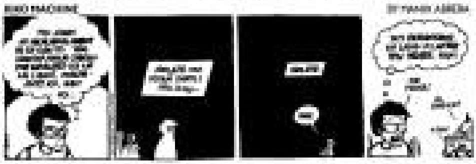


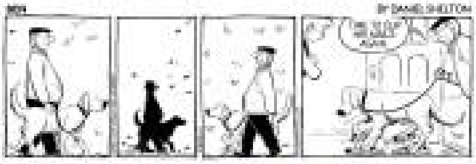




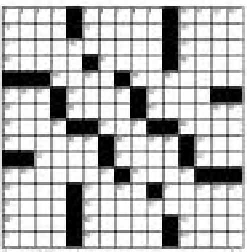


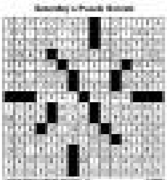






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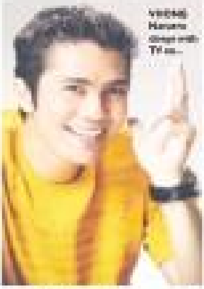
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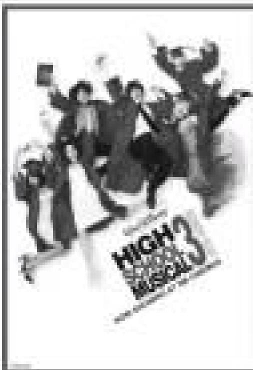
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU!





Celebrity quirks





20 minutes with Laura Dern

Award-winning actress says an Obama win will be good for RP



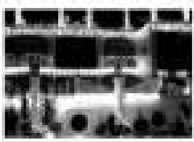


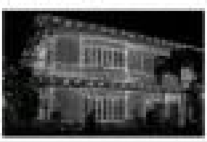
'I did not respect Katherine Harris, but she is a wonderful character to portray as an actor'

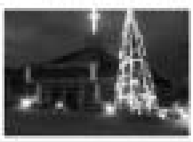
MALIWANAG ANG PASKO:

Finding solace and hope in the light that is Christmas







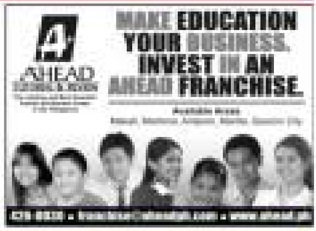


LEARNING



At the museum
Mentoring the mentors

Public school teachers follow John Silva around the national galleries









Peace university graduates first class

THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE [illegible]



Faith hosts youth leaders congress

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BAM AQUINO [illegible]



PWU DIPLOMACY COURSE

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Sacred Heart to mark 125th anniversary

THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE [illegible]



DONATION TO PNU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Miriam hosts Deaf Awareness Week

THE MIRIAM COLLEGE-Southeast Asian Institute for the Deaf [illegible]

FEU marks peace program's 10th year

THE FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY [illegible]



TIP Manila graduate is No. 1 in licensure exam

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UE's Mayo is 2nd in engineering test

UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST (UE) [illegible]



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Informatics launches new training centers

INFORMATICS HAS LAUNCHED [illegible]

EUREKA!

Pinoy families face today's world





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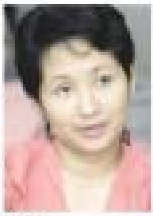
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Mentoring the mentors at the museum

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Arts for the creative

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RUBIO



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Creating a nation

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War and peace

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Postscript

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FOOTNOTES

Education exhibition to be held in Cebu, Manila

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Oui, oui, France is for you-th

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Confab to tackle American studies

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Educational publishers meet Nov. 21

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Teaching is the joy of her life

By Bernie E. Velarde
Entertainment Editor





MOTIVATED to teach what everybody needs to know and understand: Brahma Kumaris director for Europe Jayanti KIRPLANI is shown with Bishop ... of Jerusalem (photo at left) and with Princess ... (this picture).

JAYANTI KIRPLANI IS the director for Europe of the Brahma Kumaris, a United Nations Peace Messenger organization.

She has participated, several times as presenter, in UN conferences on women, development, environment, youth and peace.

She is based in London, at the Global Cooperation House, BK international coordinating office.

Kirplani is visiting the Philippines for the fifth time this week to speak on "The Secret Laws of Abundance" in a public program to be held on Nov. 15, 7 p.m., at the ballroom of the Mandarin Hotel in Makati.

On Nov. 11 and 12, she will deliver the keynote address in "The Healing Power of Peace," a conference for women civic and political leaders, at the Center for Spiritual Learning in Tagaytay City.

Of the many roles she plays, Kirplani, 59, says she is most proud of her being a teacher of Raja Yoga meditation for 40 years now.

Have you always known you were a teacher?

I have always wanted a career and I thought it would be a medical career. I didn't know it would be as a teacher. By nature, I don't speak a lot but it really must be God's plan for me, this role as an instrument to teach. To start with, the beauty of the teachings I personally received was so amazing and had such a powerful impact on my consciousness that my life changed dramatically after just a few weeks. I was deeply motivated by a sense of compassion and the feeling that my family, friends, everybody needed to hear and understand these things, too. This compassion proved to be more powerful than my natural shyness and I began to teach.

Do you believe you heeded the call soon enough?

I was 19 when I studied Raja Yoga meditation formally, even though I'd had some knowledge of it through my mother and grandmother since I was eight. I started teaching seven months after taking the course myself, so I think that was actually quite fast.

How did you take to teaching, once you started?

Once I started to teach, it immediately became the joy of my life. It might have been difficult for me to overcome all the challenges, if I didn't truly feel I was merely being an instrument to teach others. My newfound role would prove to be a constant reminder of the real truth about myself, for myself, and in relation to others.

How long have you been teaching meditation? Is it something that people find easy?

It's been exactly 40 years since I started teaching. Yes, I've found that it is very easy for people to learn, especially those who have a deep inner motivation.

And how is this motivation manifested? In your experience, why are people attracted to meditation? Is it the same all over the world?

Stress is an experience that people all over the world are having. The current economic climate is definitely adding to the pressure, which leads people to want to learn meditation. Health issues can also be a trigger, sometimes for someone to start the practice.

Is there one outstanding need your students have routinely expressed?

The one outstanding need that my students have expressed routinely is to deepen the experience of a relationship with God.

As a teacher, how do you decide that someone is ready for such an introverted practice?

If a person is ready for meditation, when an invitation is extended, he will accept it. If he is not ready for such an introverted practice, he will be distracted (sooner or later) by external influences. I find that there is always an automatic filter that operates.

What have you learned from your students in return?

From my students I have learned that I need to be very clear at all times, not only in terms of my words ... my actions have to reinforce the same message. Also, I have learned aspects of different religions that have been very helpful for my own understanding and for teaching others.

What is the best way that your students show they appreciate what they have learned?

For me, the best way they have shown their appreciation is when I see them happy and constantly smiling. I take it to mean they have established a deeper connection with God and so they will able to draw light from Him and into themselves for use in all circumstances throughout their life. Then I know I have really helped them.

For inquiries about the public program on "The Secret Laws of Abundance," call 8907960.

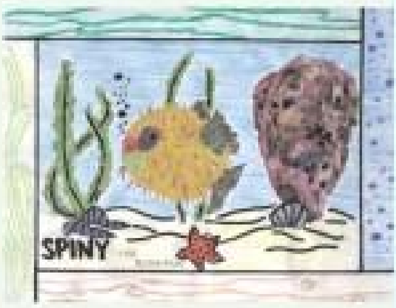
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DLSU Excellence awards

THE DE LA SALLE ALUMNI Association (DLSAA) hands out its excellence awards to ... (...), ... (social entrepreneurship); ... (culinary arts); Antonio A. Oposa Jr., Victor O. Valeriano and ambassador Philippe J. Lhuillier (Distinguished Lasallian awards); ... (distance learning); ... (food technology); and Dr. ... (music education).

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TEACHERS: E-mail your class-written Chapter 9 to the "Frannie" series by Nov. 5 to learning@inquirer.com.ph.